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### A FLIMSY EXCUSE.

In the midst of the explaining which Germany is finding it necessary to do as the result of its submarine policy it is hinted from German sources that Berlin in its note on the unsuccessful attack upon the Orduna, which was fired upon after narrowly escaping a torpedo, will claim that it was not believed that it was a passenger-carrying vessel.

Such an excuse would be in accord with the attitude which was taken in the Arabic case, in the case of the Nebraska and Gulfport, but it would be no excuse at all. In each of those instances it was the duty of the German submarine commander to know what he was doing. It was not a case for guesswork and such a flimsy violation of international rights cannot expect to escape responsibility because of any such flimsy excuse.

If that is the kind of a basis upon which Germany is going to place its promises for a reform in submarine tactics it might just as well make none at all. Promises amount to nothing when they are made as a subterfuge. If Germany is going to claim that submarine commanders thought they were going to be attacked, they didn't know that destroyers were passenger-carrying vessels, or thought that they were enemy ships, without taking the trouble to be sure of their position and verifying their hasty opinions, how could it be before the claim of "didn't know it was loaded" will be advanced as an excuse for relieving them of the responsibility of sending a ship to the bottom and taking innocent lives? Germany may be comforted with such an excuse, but it doesn't go here.

### ANOTHER ARBITRATION VICTORY

Once again did good judgment prevail among those who are involved in a labor dispute, when the trolley strikers at Holyoke agreed to submit all their demands to arbitration. Once before it was supposed that the trouble had been disposed of in that manner, only to have another strike called because the men were unwilling to have the term, for which such a decision as might be reached by the arbitration board would be in force, fixed by that body.

In the reconsideration of their stand upon that point the men have acted wisely, but in view of the statement made by the strike leader, in explanation of the advice given the strikers to agree to the inclusion of this matter in the terms of arbitration, "another policy which is insisted upon is the policy of arbitration in cases where the parties in dispute cannot agree and the association cannot abandon such a stand," it seems strange that this course was not pursued in the first place.

Submission to arbitration means that the public of Holyoke and such surrounding territory as is affected is going to be removed from the inconvenience and detrimental conditions to which it has been subjected. They are tardily showing consideration which they deserve for it is a well known fact that they are always the innocent sufferers from the tying up of public utility lines, as many more communities than Holyoke fully understand from experience.

It will be a welcomed day when such disputes as that at Holyoke will be immediately submitted to arbitration instead of going through the unsatisfactory course of striking.

### NAVAL ADVISORY BOARD.

The announcement by the secretary of the navy of the members of the advisory board for the consideration of inventions for the navy advances that idea another step, and from the selection and assistance and cooperation of the scientific organizations of the country, it appears to be prepared to render a service of the highest type.

It is needed cannot be questioned. It will have to do with one of the most important branches of the nation's defense and negligence of its efficiency cannot be tolerated.

An excellent start was made in the choice of Thomas A. Edison for the chairman of the board, and while the other members may not enjoy the reputation of such a genius the very fact that they have been selected by vote of the scientific minds of the country for such a service as they will be called upon to perform indicates that they are well qualified for the duties before them. Men who are specialists in their particular line as well as those who are thoroughly grounded in scientific knowledge make up the list. The new board gives an assurance to the navy department that it has never had before and the country, as well as the department has reason to expect excellent results therefrom. That the men have been selected without regard to politics is a gratifying and wholesome indication that politics will not guide their work and decisions.

### FIRE PREVENTION DAY.

Acting in accordance with the direction of the last general assembly, Governor Holcomb has designated October 8th as Fire Prevention day, and there can be no question but what it is possible to accomplish a great amount of good through such attention as will be directed to the subject on that occasion.

A great majority of the fires throughout the country result from the failure to take proper precaution. There is too much carelessness when it comes to safeguarding property and lives. Large sums of money are spent yearly for fire protection and highly efficient service is obtained, but far greater results are possible through the bringing of proper attention to the matter of prevention, and this applies to woodland as well as city property.

There is no locality where the merits of fire prevention cannot be urged with good results, if there is a disposition and a proper response upon the part of each individual, and when the subject is presented in the schools that day there is laid the foundation for profitable guidance in years to come. It is not alone the school children, however, who need the warning and instruction. The general public is no more careless in this regard than it should be and if results are going to be obtained the importance of fire prevention must appeal to it as well as to the children, and efforts exerted, not on one day, but during every day of the year.

### SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE.

The report which is brought from Uruguay by American Vice Consul Ebert to the effect that business relations between that country and this are showing much improvement is what might be expected, and it would have been a bitter disappointment after all the opportunity that South America affords for expansion of the foreign trade of this country if American trade representatives should bring back word to the effect that advancement was not being made. It is slow in getting a proper foothold. Other countries have taught us many valuable lessons in this respect, yet, despite the fact that there should be the closest of relations between this country and South America, the full realization of the absence of continental struggles; they have been beaten more times than any other nation, and still they have emerged from each war with more territory than they had before.

The Hapsburgs originated 650 years ago from a band of robbers who lived up in the Swiss Alps. They were a family with a royal German house, they established themselves in the business of robbery. The condition of Europe at that time was such that it was easy for the Hapsburgs to become big political bosses, for Germany was cut up into about three hundred states, and the family plenty of power to call themselves Emperors of Germany. They next adopted the title of Emperors of the Holy Roman Empire until Napoleon smashed that claim to pieces in one of his Austrian wars.

The Hapsburgs were responsible for the Thirty Years War, which ended in 1648. They were responsible for the Austrian Succession, and they waged a war against the French Revolution. One of the great emperors, Emperor Napoleon, in 1805 they drew words on France and Italy, and in 1866 they went to war with Prussia. And now the crown prince of Austria has placed them in the white of the present war in which practically all Europe is engaged.

We are always reminded that this is a war of the Teuton against the Slav, but this is not true, for Austria is the great Slav empire. Of her 51,000,000 people, 28,000,000 are Slavs of all kinds. There are only 12,000,000 Germans and about 10,000,000 Magyars.

The Hapsburgs have always been an adventurous family. Everyone knows of the tragic death of the Emperor's only son, the Crown Prince Rudolf, who was shot by a Hungarian anarchist, the Golden Piece, at the feet of the Emperor and sailed away with an opera singer, Archduke Henry, was killed for murder by a Hungarian anarchist, Duke Charles had his title taken away for marrying a school teacher's daughter, Archduke Ferdinand, and eloped with a chorine girl, Archduchess Louise married the King of Saxony, and then ran away from the royal court at Dresden with her son's tutor, whom she exchanged later for a pianist, and Archduke Franz Ferdinand who became the Crown Prince married a commoner, and for his and his wife's assassination all the world is up in arms.

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—E. M. WOOD.  
Tatlet, Conn. Sept. 8, 1915.

## THE SMALL BOY SPEAKS

"Yes'm, I was coming in right away when you called me," said the freckle faced youngster, "but I had to stop a minute, and then I was out in the shack and my fellows built this morning and they was making such a noise pounding and everything that I didn't hardly hear a word you said, and then I had to stop and find my hat."

"Yes'm, I got kind of well, you know—pitched over the fence into the weeds, and no I couldn't get up, and the fellows got fresh and threw it away over into the lot."

"Yes'm, I found it after I looked and looked and looked—yes'm, I guess it's mine. It does look kind of big, but see it was laying over in the weeds quite a while."

"Well, yes'm, I was coming in long before to ask you if you wanted me to cut the grass and then I was out in the shack and my fellows built this morning and they was making such a noise pounding and everything that I didn't hardly hear a word you said, and then I had to stop and find my hat."

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Weights and Measures.

Mr. Editor: I read in Saturday's Bulletin about the store keepers before the court. It is a good work being done if only it is carried out in all the different stores, and I hope it will reach grain stores, for just see what the prices of grain are, and see how much we farmers have to pay for it. Take the heavy seamless bags so full of meal and dirt. They are sometimes wet if it rains and they are so full of dirt that they weigh three pounds or more. We have to pay for all that extra, and many places the weight is short. Take one for instance. Connecticut law calls for 35 pounds for a bushel, yet all you get in most places, 50 pounds to a bag with your own weight in it to cost the same as the oats. Now if we farmers were selling oats to dealers they demand 32 pounds to a bushel without any weight in it. If you buy a bushel of corn you only get 50 pounds while the law says 56 and the heavy bag is counted for more than 10 pounds of oats. I think the customers should have as good weight and measure as the store keepers get, and why can't the measure be kept? We can't keep berries to the store keeper why are they not sold by the quart the same as bought, instead of by the basket where two quarts of raspberries are made to make three baskets and all the extra price at the basket is paid for. We can't have stood for this kind of abuse long enough and are glad to know something is being done to protect the grocers as well as the buyers. I hope, and hope to see the good work go on until equal rights are established for all.

### AN OLD FARMER.

Baltic, Conn. Sept. 13, 1915.

### The Hapsburg Family.

Mr. Editor: It is an interesting fact to note that the Hapsburgs have played in almost every European war. The Hapsburg family has been indirectly responsible for the larger part of continental struggles; they have been beaten more times than any other nation, and still they have emerged from each war with more territory than they had before.

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### Stories of the War

Sir William Robertson.

Little is known to the outside world about Sir William Robertson, K. C. V. O., K. C. B., D. S. O., whose remarkable career from the ranks to Chief of Staff of the Army is so well known to the British public. In connection to that of Sir John French, the commander-in-chief, has been described as the greatest general of the age, a great corporation to that of its President.

A powerful built country boy, he came to London at the age of thirteen and enlisted in the 9th Lancashire. Promotion from the ranks is not frequent. The great majority of officers come from the public schools, and the great majority of them are of the aristocracy. Young Robertson had had only an elementary education; but he set out to make up for the deficiency by study. He devoted his evening hours to the study of the classics, and in a few years he was the pay of a British private, in books. As a British regular trooper has none too much time to himself he used to get comrades to read to him from Bacon and the English classics while he was grooming his horse or cleaning his equipment.

Not until he had served ten years did he pass his examination which gave him a commission in the 3rd Dragoon Guards. He was then 23 and a major second lieutenant. He was about eight years the start of him on the Army list. In the course of his promotion he could never hope to be made a major. His special promotion could come only through distinguished himself. MacDonald, an officer who had risen from the ranks had won their way as natural leaders of men in the field, or Robertson's career is the more striking, officers say, because it is due to excellence in organization and in the application of the methods of modern war which presupposes the grounding of a thorough military education.

Four years after he had received his commission he had won enough attention to be assigned to the Intelligence branch of the Quartermaster's Department in India. India he found his opportunity. Rewards are given of officers for learning native dialects.

To the average officer there is nothing more to be learned from the study of a native "munsal" or teacher in acquiring a tongue which can be of use with only some frontier tribe. Robertson offered his munshi a center of the reward when he was proficient enough to earn it by passing an examination.

Sir William, when he is reminiscent will recall what an excellent bargain this proved to be. The munshi was to it that his pupil did not fail to improve in his study of the language. He was waiting at his pupil's door at daybreak and put him through an hour's lesson before breakfast. Having mastered the dialect Robertson undertook another and then another. Soon he became known as a language expert. This gained for him the opportunity which was to apply his knowledge by explorations on the Northwest frontier. When the Chitral troubles came his linguistic accomplishment and his knowledge of the country were invaluable. He came out of the Chitral campaign with the Distinguished Service Order, and his knowledge of the country was invaluable in action when he

### OTHER VIEW POINTS

Who is Norway at war with? Forty-one of her merchant vessels have been destroyed at sea in thirteen months and seventy-six of her sailors have perished. Thirteen ships were sunk by mines, twenty-four have been sunk by torpedoes, one was crushed by a German warship in collision, and three have disappeared while within the war zone—simply disappeared. Who has declared war on Norway?—Waterbury Republican.

The custom of using schoolhouses and fire engine houses and other public buildings of permanence and dignity for voting places more marked than ever before at the last state election, evidently is to hold its own. Last night, it will be noticed, the board of education formally granted permission to the city to locate polling places in eight schools, and also to store the voting machines between elections in these school buildings. This is a gain in economy as well as in better voting places for the city, and also to store storage charges for some of these machines heretofore.—New Haven Register.

It does not really seem that anyone could be so glibly and completely idiotic as William Jennings Bryan, who has been so glibly and completely idiotic as to declare war on Germany, but there he is. Look him over and scan his plans for resisting invasion of the United States by a system of roads, and a million soldiers armed with Ford automobiles. The United States supports several million tollerable husky farmers in the south, every one of them is a doubtful if ever the huskies of the nation would avail them weakness to conquer an enemy who presented a front bristling with heavy artillery, machine guns and rifles.—Ansonia Sentinel.

In the course of a statement to the British press Arthur J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, in explanation of the change in the attitude of Germany towards the United States, made the assertion: "As to what the German navy must have felt about the new policy, we can only conjecture. It is less assured than his northern neighbor. His hair is light and his eyes are light, and his face is generally drawn. The garment peculiar to him is his white overcoat, which he wears on all special occasions, as proudly in wintering July as in the winter. His villages are small, isolated and badly kept. His homes are primitive. His fight for existence is in the open air, and from his ranks are recruited the workmen for the hardest, least-paying tasks in the empire."

The White Russian is not of so sturdy a build as the Great Russian nor so comely as the Little Russian. He is less assured than his northern neighbor and more heavily than his southern neighbor. His hair is light and his eyes are light, and his face is generally drawn. The garment peculiar to him is his white overcoat, which he wears on all special occasions, as proudly in wintering July as in the winter. His villages are small, isolated and badly kept. His homes are primitive. His fight for existence is in the open air, and from his ranks are recruited the workmen for the hardest, least-paying tasks in the empire."

### THE WAR PRIMER

By National Geographic Society

A sketch of White Russia, the first part of old Russian soil to feel the power of the invader, is given in a statement issued today by the National Geographic Society: "White Russia comprises four Russian governments, Vitebsk, Smolensk, Moghilev and Minsk. It is situated in the northwest of the Russian Empire, and is bounded by the Baltic Sea to the north, the Pripet River basin to the south, and the Duna or southern Dvina to the north. It supports a population of about 7,500,000, two-thirds of which is White Russian, and the rest Lithuanian, Jewish and Polish. Here, likely, is to be found the purest Slav type, almost unbroken. This region, blanketed by swamps and marshes, and smothered in forests, is one of the poorest, most backward regions in European Russia. Plans dwell here before history began for Europe. They were expelled by Lithuanians, who, in turn, gave way before migrating Slavonic tribes.

### One phase of what it means to be at peace in the midst of war is illustrated by the return of the big cruiser Tennessee from her mission to Haiti. In the 18 months since the war started the Tennessee has logged almost 26,000 miles, which is believed to be a record for fighting ships of her size. She went first to England to carry gold for the relief of Americans caught in Europe when the war first upset the financial markets, and then to the Mediterranean in continuation of her errand and spent many months in the work of rescuing American

### The War a Year Ago Today

Sept. 14, 1914.

Amiens recaptured by French. Battle of the Aisne began. German repelling all attacks. Fort of Trier relieved. Germans laid waste Serbia. Russians crossed the Danube. Germans defeated near Mlava and sent re-enforcements to Minsk.

Japanese flanked Kiaschow. Germans occupied Fanning Island and cable station. Anti-Austrian demonstration in Rome. American Red Cross steamship Red Cross sailed from New York.

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and other foreigners in Turkish territory. Early in the summer she returned home just in time to carry major reinforcements to Admiral Caperton in Haiti. Now she is back against the next invasion still to be determined.—Waterbury American.

The country finally passed back to the Lithuanians, then to Poland, and was won piecemeal by Great Russia. Polish oppression and religious persecution worked a wholesale decimation here, and thousands of the peasants fled into Russia, while those who remained intrigued for Russia's coming. The whole of the region was not annexed by the Great Russians until the end of the 18th century. Starvation has swept this land again and again with as terrible effects as those experienced by India in the grip of famine.

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